

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

Cross-Reference to Related Application

[0001.1] This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR03/01087, entitled "Vitrification Furnace and Method With Dual Heating Means" by GIROLD, Christophe; BRUGUIERE, Lionel; BOEN, Roger; BONNETIER, Armand; and BOJAT, Louis, which claims priority of French Application No. 02 04328, filed on April 8, 2002, and which was not published in English.